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WANDERERS REACH DOUBLE FIGURES IN SENIOR CUP

Wycombe Wanderers 10, Hazells (Aylesbury) 0

SATURDAY'S slaughter of the innocents reached ludicrous proportions as Wycombe Wanderers escalated their pounding of Hellenic League works side, Hazells' in the second half of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup, round two tie, at Loakes Park.

The Isthmians exhausted their visitors' somewhat generous reserve of "lives" quickly enough to go three goals clear by half-time. And, with the way wide open, they piled up their total to head into double figures before the final whistle.

Wanderers smashed through Hazells' defences like a bulldozer through a putty wall.

ENTHUSIASM

Viv Busby, substituting for Tony Horseman at the interval, still had time, even in 45 minutes, to record a slick hat-trick. After his failure at Croydon the previous week, Viv's enthusiasm alone was a joy to watch.

But more than that, it summed up perfectly the entire team's confidence—a factor emphasised by the goalscoring role played by various Wycombe midfield men.

Keith Blunt was first to break the ice, while Peter Suddaby put his name on the record sheet, later and both Barry Baker and, more unusually, Julian Lailey, added two apiece. The other goal went to Horseman before half-time.

Few supporters witnessed the formality of Wanderers' passage into round three. A light layer of snow remaining from Friday night's fall, coupled with a thickening mist across the Chilterns, made conditions that much more difficult for football.

NO INHIBITIONS

But it didn't seem to inhibit Wycombe, who lined up with Dave Thomas in place of Ian Rundle at right-back, and Kevin O'Brien making a rare Saturday appearance "between the sticks".

Neither had much to do, and O'Brien especially seemed a lonely, one imagines, an extremely cold, figure.

Meanwhile his opposite number in the Hazells goal,

Gaunt, was also deputising for his team's regular senior team 'keeper. In fact the Aylesbury works side were still not certain of the final line-up only a few hours before kick-off time.

They included five positional or personnel changes from the team in the programme. But all credit to them for keeping their play scrupulously clean and making genuine attempts to stay in the game, although hopelessly outclassed.

Wanderers declared virtual martial law inside the Hellenic League side's territory. Rarely crossing the half-way line, Hazells' forwards must have found it frustrating, even embarrassing.

NO CHANCE

So little were they given the chance to do that whether they intended to employ two, three or four men upfront never really became clear.

Man at the receiving end, Gaunt, gave nothing away without a fight. Indeed his defiant display may perhaps have cut Wanderers' scoring potential by as much as half.

Yet, after 15 minutes, Hazells were reprieved only by the over-eagerness of Horseman, who missed a sitter by hitting a post when sent clear near the line.

Five minutes later, Gaunt barged down a shot from Keith Searle and also put Geoff Anthony's follow up attempt over the bar for a corner.

It couldn't last, however. Blunt slid the ball from one foot to the other and placed his kick well away from Gaunt's reach to open the scoring in the 27th minute.

SCRAMBLE

Then a 30th minute scramble led to Horseman putting Wanderers further ahead, although slight confusion was caused among the crowd when the ball hit the back of the goal and

rolled out through the side netting—making it seem as though Tony may have put the ball wide.

Barry Baker accounted for the third goal seven minutes later.

The replacing of Horseman with Busby was about the only change to occur at half-time. When the game resumed, Wycombe drove straight back into the siege of Hazells' area, and Peter Suddaby rocked a post with a glorious 20-yarder in the first 60 seconds.

Twice, Anthony threatened to increase the deficit to four, and Blunt saw his shot cleared off the line.

But then the floodgates opened.

The second half timetable ran:

60 minutes . . . Baker ran solo into an open defence line and shot first time to make it 4-0.

61 minutes . . . in the very next attack, Gaunt let a tame return from Lailey bounce over his head and into goal.

65 minutes . . . Busby loosed a splintering drive which had Gaunt beaten for speed.

72 minute . . . Suddaby transferred Busby's corner kick into the net.

76 minutes . . . a neat piece of football from Busby, who slipped between the Hazells' backs before catching Gaunt outpositioned.

80 minutes . . . and it was Viv again, completing his hat-trick with a spectacular heading duel in which he first headed on to the crossbar, then bobbed up again to make sure of the rebound.

82 minutes . . . nothing was going to stop Wycombe reaching double figures for the first time this season, and Lailey, a player normally concerned in either stopping or making goals, this time scored himself.

WYCOMBE—10-GOAL WONDERS!

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SEVEN second-half goals by Wycombe Wanderers trounced Hellenic League side Hazells at Loakes Park. This Berks and Bucks Senior Cup second round tie boosted many a Wycombe forward's goal tally and meant 90 eventless minutes for deputy goalkeeper Kevin O'Brien.

After Blunt, Horseman, and Baker, had made it 3-0 by the interval, substitute Busby replaced Horseman for the second half and notched a hat-trick, while Lailey added two and Baker and Suddaby each scored once.